

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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14 April 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Comptroller

SUBJECT : DCI Project--VSS Support

1. The purpose of this project is to render aid and assistance to the work of the Veterans of Strategic Services in order to urge that organization to remain in existence, and to aid it in maintaining contact with the veterans of resistance in other countries. These objectives will be accomplished first by the Agency assisting the VSS in the conduct of its meetings by providing speakers and other material designed to maintain an interest in intelligence work. Secondly, as with the assistance provided to the organization in bringing members of the French Resistance to the United States in 1959, aid will be given to the VSS in its work with resistance organizations of World War II in other parts of the world. Finally, the project will actively aid the work of Mr. [redacted] who has been authorized to prepare the definitive public history of the Office of Strategic Services.

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2. For the balance of FY 1960 and for FY 1961 this project will provide a research assistant, to be supplied by the Agency, to work with [redacted] This research assistant will be maintained as a CIA career staff employee.

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3. To aid the VSS in its current program for returning the visit of the French Resistance veterans, the Agency will provide certain material and mementos of an official nature to be given to the French Resistance. These will include specially designed medallions of which some 18 will be provided to members of the French Resistance, a bronze plaque to be presented to the L'Amicale Action to be placed on their building commemorating the collaboration of OSS and the French Resistance and certain other operational gifts.

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4. Chargeable against this project will be certain other items such as transportation to France for an official representative of the Agency, if this is determined to be in our interests. These funds are to be drawn from the Director's special account.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

APPROVED:

SIGNED

Director of Central Intelligence

24 APR 1960

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